

security. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

For further information, please contact Robert Bell at (202) 219-2806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2009-018]

#### Virginia Power and Electric Company; Notice of Commission Staff Meeting With North Carolina Power Company on Re-Licensing of the Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Hydropower Project

May 13, 1999.

Virginia Power Electric Company filed a License Application and a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on January 28, 1999, for the Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Hydropower Project (No. 2009-018) located on the Roanoke River, North Carolina. The DEA was prepared in coordination with a group of representatives from various federal, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and local interest groups.

Commission staff are currently reviewing these documents and will attend a meeting, as follows, to participate in settlement discussions being conducted by Virginia Power and Electric Company.

**Meeting Date:** May 13, 1999 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Location:** Lakeland Arts Center, 411 Mosby Avenue, Littleton NC.

Interested parties are welcome to attend this meeting. For further information please contact the following individuals:

Wayne Dyok, Harza Engineering, 301-249-1772

Monte TerHaar, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 202-219-2768

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-367]

#### Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 13, 1999.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of constructing 29 boat slips and excavating about 4,000 cubic yards of lake bottom within the Catawba-Watauga Hydroelectric Project boundary. Duke Energy Corporation, licensee for the project, proposes to grant an easement of 0.68 acre of land to Ashley Cove Homeowners Association for this purpose. The site of the proposed boat slips and excavation is in the Catawba Springs Township on Lake Norman in Lincoln County, North Carolina. The slips would be constructed to accommodate residents of Ashley Cove Subdivision.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The EA may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6461-019]

#### City of Port Angeles, Washington; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

May 13, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's authorization to surrender the license for the existing Morse Creek Hydroelectric Project, located on Morse

Creek in Clallam County, Washington, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action.

In the draft EA, Commission staff concludes that approval of the subject surrender of license would not produce any significant adverse environmental impacts; consequently, the proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the draft EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The draft EA also may be viewed on the Web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Dave Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Morse Creek Project Surrender of License, Project No. 6461-019" to all comments. For further information, please contact Jim Haimes at (202) 219-2780.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License

May 13, 1999.

a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. Project No.: 2364.

c. Date Filed: April 26, 1999.

d. Submitted By: Madison Paper Industries—current licensee.

e. Name of Project: Abenaki Project.

f. Location: On the Kennebec River near the cities of Anson, Madison, and Starks, in Somerset County, Maine.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. Licensee Contact: Christopher Bean, Madison Paper Industries, P.O. Box 129, Main Street, Madison, ME 04950 (207) 696-3307.

i. FERC Contact: Tom Dean, [thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us](mailto:thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us), or (202) 219-2778.

j. Effective date of current license: May 1, 1954.